



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 98,385-E)

PATENT

In re Application of: Hauptmann et al.)
Serial No.: 09/525,998) Before the Examiner: P. Mertz
Filed: March 15, 2000) Group Art Unit: 1646
For: TNF Receptors, TNF Binding)
Proteins and DNAs Coding)
For Them)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Sir/Madam:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, mailed January 30, 2001, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-18 and 22-23, designated as Group I by the Examiner.

According to the terms of the Restriction Requirement, the claims of group I are directed towards a DNA molecule encoding a TNF receptor protein, a host cell, and a method of making the TNF receptor protein. Applicants submit herewith an amendment, canceling the elected claims and substituting therefor new claims 27-148. These new claims are directed to the same subject matter as elected claims 1-18 and 22-23, but have been amended in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as their invention.

Adjustment date: 07/16/2001 DTHOMAS
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Applicants enclose a petition for a four-month extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Applicants request that the following amendments be entered.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-18 and 22-23.

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Please add the following claims.